DISCUSSION OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 18-21, 24 and 31-32 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-17, 22-23, 25-30 and 33-34 are canceled claims. All now-pending claims are allowed.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Office for allowing Claims 18-21 and 31-32 in the October 13, 2010 Office Action. Applicants further thanks the Office for indicating that Claim 24 is allowable if rewritten in independent form. The allowed claims are the only claims pending. Applicants submit that allowance of the present application is now appropriate.

The cancelation of claims in the present paper is not a surrender or disclaimer of subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to file a Continuation application on any subject matter canceled from the present application and/or a Divisional application on the subject matter of any claims withdrawn by restriction.

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